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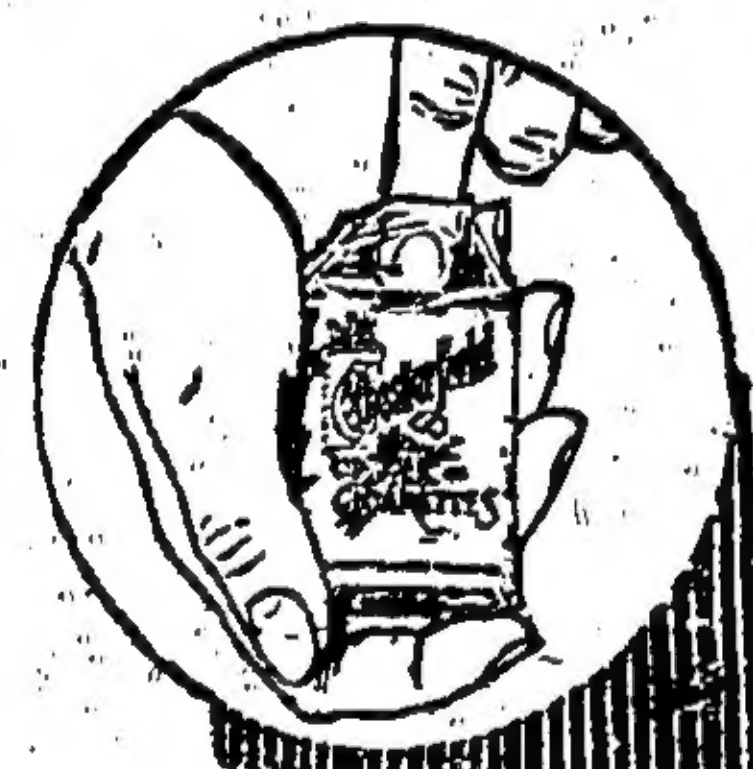
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(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

NATIONAL CRISIS.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE STRIKE BEGINS TO-NIGHT.

SITUATION MUCH GRAVER.

DRAMATIC MIDNIGHT CONFERENCE WITH PREMIER.

A PAINT RAY OF HOPE.

LONDON, April 14.

A conference of the parliamentary committee of the Trade Union Congress, the executive of the Labour Party and the Parliamentary Labour Party passed a resolution expressing conviction of the justice of the strikers' claims and pledging its support to the Triple Alliance, also condemning the action of the Government, especially its military preparations as calculated to provoke disorder. The conference appointed a committee of nine members, three from each body, to give effect to the resolution which appeals to all sections of the Labour movement and every citizen to stand solidly against the attack on the workers' position.

FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IMPROBABLE.

LONDON, April 14.

It is generally opined to-night that the resolution of the Parliamentary conference (cabled earlier) hangs the door on further hope of averting the Triple strike to-morrow. The effect of the resolution is that the organised Labour movement throughout the country has pledged itself to support the Alliance, and while individual unions outside the Alliance, will decide for themselves for or against an actual strike the position has certainly become much graver, and undue optimism cannot be placed upon the eleventh hour public invitation of the mine-owners to-night to meet the miners and discuss the position of the lower paid labourers in the coalfields, which is one of the questions the miners' leaders have emphasised.

TOO LATE.

LONDON, April 14.

In Parliamentary Lobby circles at midnight there was a feeling that the owners' new offer may result in fresh negotiations, especially seeing that Mr. Hodges, addressing a meeting of members of Parliament to-night opened a fresh loophole in declaring that the miners were prepared to consider wage offers provided that such would not be a permanent settlement on a district basis. It is opined that negotiations may be reopened during the week-end but it is feared that the offers are too late, the strike is beginning to-morrow.

STRIKING APPEAL TO THE PRINCE.

LONDON, April 14.

A striking direct appeal to the Prince of Wales to intervene in the coal crisis was made by four mine workers, ex-soldiers, at Birkenhead, in South Wales, who on behalf of their fellow workers sent a letter to the Prince of Wales pointing out that the wages they are offered range from 6s. 3d. to 4s. 9d. for a 6-day week, while owing to the danger they are only able to work an average five days a week and during at least a few months only two or three days owing to the slump in trade. They declare that if starvation compels them to accept these wages they will be worse off than paupers. "Is this what we fought for? We ask you to help us, not to get the land fit for heroes, but a decent wage for a fair day's work."

FOOD SUPPLIES AMPLE.

LONDON, April 14.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that the Food Ministry's arrangements for the distribution of food are complete. Stocks of food are available sufficient to last out any conceivable strike, while ample motor transport is available for distribution independently of the railroads.

The electrical power engineers' association has decided not to strike. Its members employed on the railways and tramways will continue their normal duties but will do no work of the strikers or teach volunteers. Yesterday's announcement by the railwaymen's leader that the electricians would all join the strike was thus premature.

THEATRES REMAIN OPEN.

LONDON, April 14.

The Government has informed theatre proprietors that it is desirable to keep places of amusement open and has promised to do its utmost to assure a supply of light and transport service after theatre hours. The managers have accordingly decided to keep open in spite of probable financial loss. A conference of the General Workers' Federation decided to support the Triple Alliance. The vice-president states that this does not necessarily mean a general strike.

DOWNING STREET CONFERENCE.

LONDON, April 14.

The official report of this morning's meeting at Downing Street shows that it was held for the purpose of conveying the railwaymen and transport workers' reply to Mr. Lloyd George's inquiry cabled yesterday. Several Cabinet ministers, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Gosling were present. Mr. Gosling, who was the leading spokesman, argued in favour of the miners' demands for a national board and a national minimum which he claimed had already been conceded the transport workers. He admitted that the coal industry was in a bad way but mentioned that the miners offered to accept a reduction equivalent to 2s. a day. He repudiated the suggestion that the strike was political.

Mr. Thomas, who followed, contended that a reduction in wages should be equalized over the whole coalfields.

The Prime Minister, after refuting the insinuation that the Government was leaning unfairly towards the coal-owners, said that the Government would not accept the mine-owners' wages scale. He declared this was vital because it was the whole issue.

GOVERNMENT AGAINST POOLING.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the only vital question where the Government accepted the owners' position related to pooling, while it accepted the miners' viewpoint as regards a national board for the national settlement of wages. The Prime Minister, dealing at length with the question of a national pool, emphasised his inability to recede from this decision. He pointed out that one part did not contribute towards the wages of a poorer one. He contended that the pools had neither the advantages of the systems of private enterprise nor of nationalisation.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CHILDREN'S ATHLETIC SPORTS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir.—In answer to correspondence signed "An Old Sport" referring to Boys' and Girls' Events, appearing in programme of the forthcoming Athletic Sports, I would like to point out that the advert clearly states that intending competitors are to apply for entry forms, and on those forms they are requested to fill in certain particulars. This would facilitate the grouping together of entries from the various schools, and afford the committee an opportunity of referring to the schools for information regarding past records, etc.

It is also our wish to have representatives from the various schools where boys and girls have entered to assist in the handicapping.

At a meeting of representatives from the clubs of the Colony held last night, the 13th inst., it was decided to forward entry forms to all the schools.

There are no post entries for boys and girls at the forthcoming meeting.

—Yours faithfully,

R. C. WITCHELL.

Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, April 14, 1921.

FORGERY CHARGE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir.—In your report of the above case I shall be obliged if you will correct the statement that the complainant was the accused's brother.

The complainant is one Chan Pui Chi and a second mortgagee of certain property having advanced \$4,000 to the defendant who is now alleged to have forged his brother's name to the deed.—Yours faithfully,

G. R. HAYWOOD.

Hongkong, April 15, 1921.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. J. D'ECA.

DEATH IN MACAO.

The news was received by cable from Macao last night, of the death there of Mr. Adolpho J. d'Eca, a well known and popular member of the Portuguese community of Hongkong. The deceased who was only 32 years of age, had been suffering for some time from neurasthenia, and in spite of medical attention gradually became worse until death claimed him. Mr. d'Eca had been connected with the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., for a number of years and had a large circle of friends here to whom the news of his death will come as a great shock. Much sympathy is felt for his relatives both here and in Macao.

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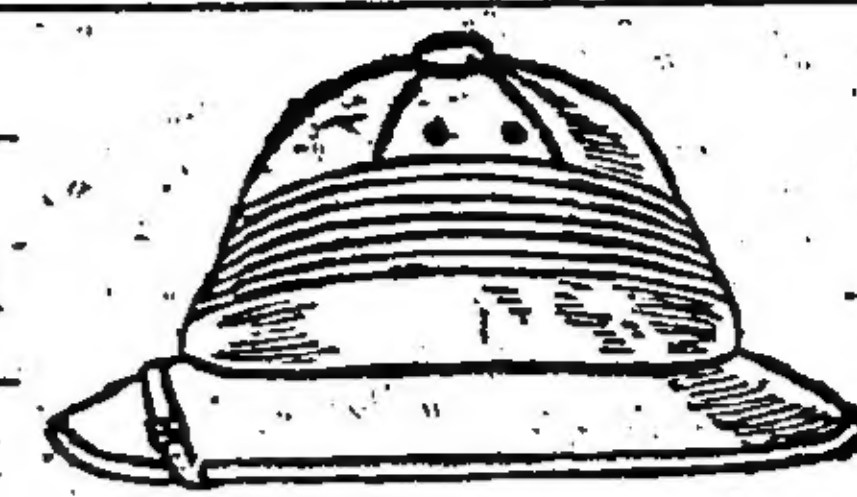
IS A FIRE HOT?

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Radiant heat, or that which is transmitted through wave motion to other bodies at a distance, comes to us in great quantities from the sun, and, in a similar manner but a lesser degree, from a fire. The process of burning causes a rapid sensation of these heat-rays to be thrown out on all sides. Our feeling of warmth is a sense akin to that of sight or hearing—a reaction to the wave motion of the air—and the fire therefore makes us feel hot, just as light affects our sight or a noise makes an impression upon our sense of sound. But, as the nerves of touch are distributed over all parts of the body, there is no such thing as a person being "blind" or "deaf" to heat.

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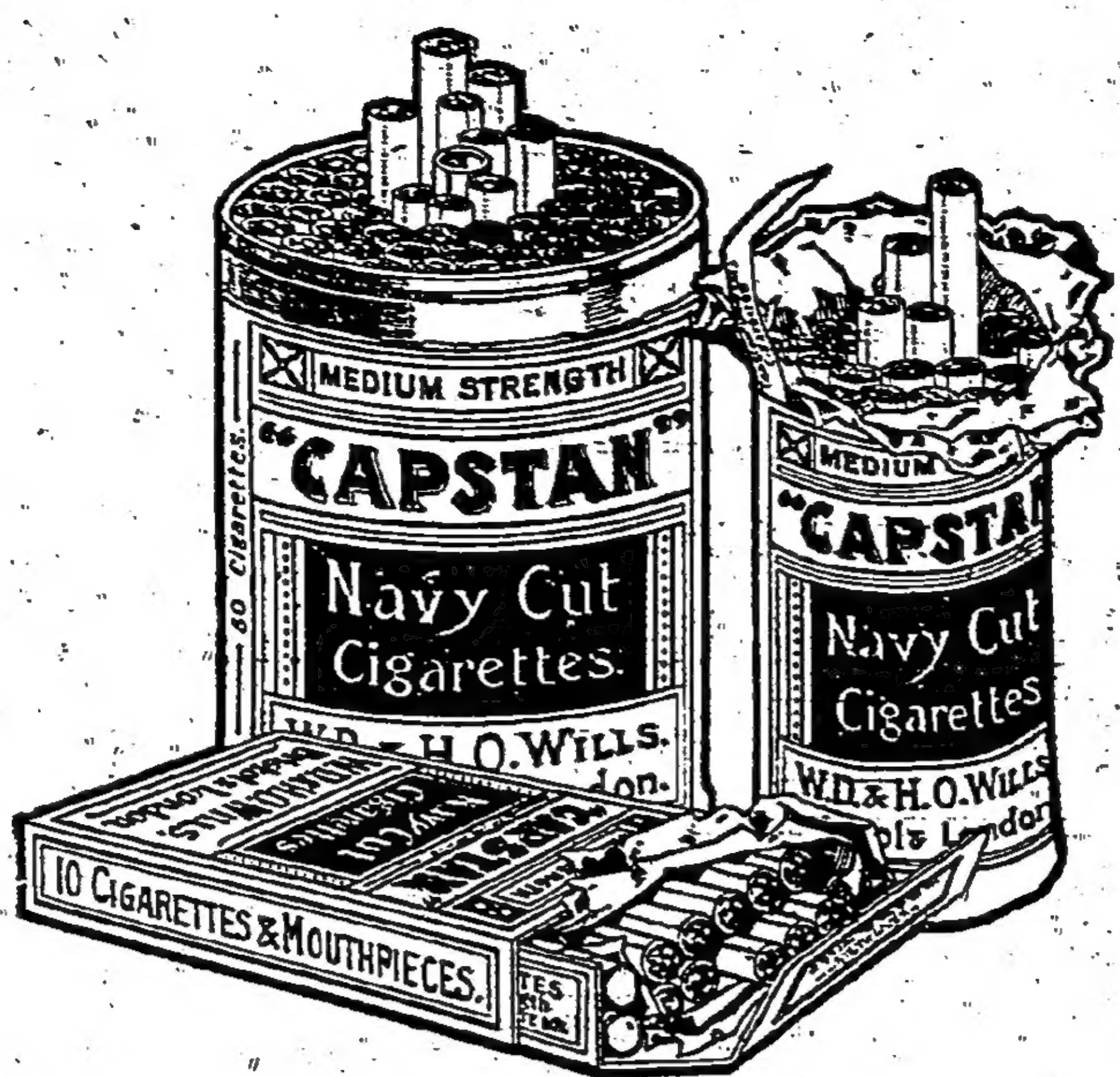
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ARCHDEACON'S APPEAL.

STORY OF A CANON.

"I SHAN'T BELIEVE A WORD HE
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The Judicial Committee of the
Privy Council granted Archdeacon
John Wakeford leave to appeal
against his conviction for immoral
conduct, and stated that they would
hear the appeal themselves on a date
to be announced. The committee
who heard the application consisted
of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Buck-
master, Lord Dunedin, and Lord
Shaw. Sitting with them as assessors
were the Bishops of London, Gloucester,
Rochester, and Ely.

Archdeacon Wakeford was found
guilty by a Consistory Court in
Lincoln on February 3 of:
On March 14 and 15, 1920, com-
mitting adultery with a woman un-
known at the Bull Hotel, Peter-
borough.

On April 2, 1920, committing ad-
ultery with a woman unknown at
the same hotel.

Alternatively that on the same
dates he had occupied a bedroom
with a woman not his wife.

On February 25 the Bishop issued
sentence of deprivation.

Sir E. Marlay Samson said Arch-
deacon Wakeford was Canon and
Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral.
Archdeacon of Stow, and Vicar of
Kirkstead. The reasons for the ap-
plication for leave to appeal were:
The judgment was not in accordance
with the true facts.

That fresh evidence material to the
case had been discovered since
trial.

That one of the assessors (Canon
Akenhead) was guilty of miscon-
duct, in that he pre-judged the
issues of the case, and on the day
(February 3) previous to the trial
he said that whatever evidence
was given in answer to the charges
against the archdeacon he would
not believe such evidence.

SOLICITOR'S STORY.
Sir E. Marlay Samson produced
an affidavit by Alderman Footman,
of Lincoln, a solicitor, who deposed
that on the evening before the trial
he met Canon Akenhead, and said:
"I cannot believe he (the arch-
deacon) is guilty." Canon Akenhead,
so the affidavit alleged, replied, "I
know one thing—I shan't believe a
word he says."

An affidavit made by Councillor
Baker, of Lincoln, stated he met
Canon Akenhead, and asked him if
it was a fact that he had told Alder-
man Footman that he would not
believe a word that the archdeacon
might say in defence of the charge.
Canon Akenhead replied, "Well, I
may have said it." Mr. Baker then
said: "Did you say it, yes or no?"
The Canon replied, "Yes, I did."
Lord Dunedin: Supposing it was
established that Canon Akenhead was

guilty of misconduct, what would
then be your position? The present
conviction would be wiped out, of
course, but would it not be possible
to summon your client before a new
tribunal?

Sir Edward replied that that
question raised difficult points of
Eccelesiastical Law, which he would
rather not deal with until they arose.
Lord Shaw said this was an *ex parte*
application of a serious character,
and the question was whether the
court should dispose of it before the
Consistory Court had an opportunity
to put in an answer. The conduct
of Canon Akenhead might be fully
explained.

Sir Edward said his case was that
the affidavits were *prima facie*
evidence, and that the statements
mentioned were made. If those
affidavits were established it would
amount to misconduct, which would
vitalize the proceedings of the Con-
sistory Court. On that ground alone
he submitted that leave to appeal
should be granted.

Lord Shaw remarked that if the
Board were to give weight to the
affidavits, they ought to be satisfied
that the person charged with having
made the statement was prepared to
stand by it.

Referring to the evidence which
was said to have been collected by
a private detective employed by the
Rev. Thomas Moore, of Appleby
Magna, Sir Edward Samson said
a charge of immorality was preferred
against Mr. Moore in the Peter-
borough Consistory Court, and Arch-
deacon Wakeford was the prosecutor.
Mr. Moore was acquitted, but it was
suggested that he bore enmity against
the archdeacon.

BREAKFAST INCIDENT.
One of the hotel servants had
sworn that the woman the archdeacon
had breakfast with was not wearing a
wedding ring, and that the arch-
deacon was alleged to have said to
her: "You must be wise, my dear."
The remarkable thing about that
statement was that Mr. and Mrs.
Blunden, who were staying in the
hotel, had sworn that the incident
referred to them and not to the
archdeacon who, Mrs. Blunden stated,
had breakfasted alone and left the
hotel alone.

It had been hoped, said Sir Edward,
to call new evidence—that of the
young woman whom the archdeacon
had taken over the cathedral. It
was now doubtful if this witness
could be called. The ground, there-
fore, of fresh evidence must be taken
as being probably limited to fresh
evidence by the witness already
examined.

Lord Buckmaster: Is it your case
that the whole of the evidence for
the prosecution is a tissue of lies?
No, but that the evidence given was
not properly sifted.

Lord Buckmaster: But the arch-
deacon cannot say that all these
people have concocted such a story
as this.

THE 24-HOUR CLOCK.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

AN UNEXPECTED DECISION.

The decision of the Government not
to act on the report of the Home Office
Committee in favour of the 24-hour
clock was not generally expected.
This method of counting the hours has
been adopted by the Navy and the
editor of Whitaker's Almanac was so
certain that it would be legalised for
civil purposes this year that in the
current issue of the well known an-
nual it has displaced the a.m. and p.m.
system. There are, of course, diffi-
culties in the way of making this time-
reform, not the least of which is the
problem of chiming clocks. But in
countries where the 24-hour clock has
been legalised most chiming clocks
continue to chime as before, and no
one is deceived because a clock booms
out nine hours in the evening when it
is 21 o'clock.

WOMAN'S SHOTS.

TELEPHONE UPSET.

TRAGEDY OVERHEARD.

Mr. Herbert Zigler, general
manager in Chicago of the Goodyear
Tyre and Rubber Company, was shot
dead by Mrs. Isabella Orthwein,
formerly the wife of a wealthy oil
promoter, whom she divorced six
months ago.

The shooting occurred in Mrs.
Orthwein's flat. She told the police
that she and Mr. Zigler, who is
married, have been "keeping com-
pany" ever since she obtained the
divorce.

"He broke a dinner engagement
and sent a friend to take his place,"
she said.

"We went to a restaurant, where
we saw Mr. Zigler with two women.
He came to my flat in the morning.
I refused to admit him. He tried to
force an entrance. I warned him
that if he came in I would shoot
him. Finally I became frightened,
ran to the front door, threw it open,
and fired a pistol at him."

As she rushed to the door Mrs.
Orthwein knocked the telephone
over and the receiver fell off the
hook. An exchange operator heard
three shots and informed the police.
When they arrived detectives found
Mrs. Orthwein weeping over Zigler's
body.

Sir Marlay Samson said his case
was that he had made out a *prima
facie* case for leave to appeal.

The Lord Chancellor said they
were of opinion that leave should be
given.

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Card and Occasional Tables, One
Upstuffed Suite, Bedroom Furniture
comprising Trawlwood Twin Bedsteads,
large and small Wardrobes,
Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Wash-
stands, &c. (fumed Trawlwood), Side-
board, Dinner Washbasin, Extension Din-
ing Tables and Chairs, &c., Dinner
Service, Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c., Bath
Room Cisterns, &c. (fumed Trawlwood).
One large Ice Chest.
Kitchen Hooding Lamps, Screens,
Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Slide
Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, &c.
Also
Three Sporting Guns.
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BY kind permission of the Stewards
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will be held at the RACE COURSE,
Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 30th
April.

There will be classes for all breeds,
types, etc. of the above provided there
are sufficient entries.

Entrance fee for Dogs \$2.00, Cats
\$1.00, Poultry and Pigeons 30 cents,
per pen. Cage birds, Canaries, parrots,
etc. 30 cents each or varies \$1.00.
Exhibitors of pigeons and cage birds
must find their own cages.

Entrance forms for the Show can be
had from the undersigned and must be
sent in, together with the fee, not later
than SATURDAY, 23rd April.

Intending exhibitors are requested to
send in their entries as soon as possible
in order to allow sufficient time to
make up classes and arrange for the
necessary accommodation.

B. L. FROST,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 13, 1921.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Re 6 cases Stocks and Dies.

UNLESS the above be cleared within
ten days the Undersigned will sell
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Hongkong, March 10, 1921.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

MINERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, April 14th.
The tone of the Triple Alliance man-
ifesto indicates that a general strike is
now a settled issue. The document rou-
gly calls on all members to take up the
challenge thrown down by organised
Capital in the attempt to destroy legiti-
mate Trade Union achievements, and
represents the suggestion that the move-
ment is revolutionary. Moreover, the
resumption of direct negotiations with
the miners is regarded as most unlikely,
except in the improbable event of the
principle of national settlement first
being conceded.

The Federation of General Workers,
representing a million and a half work-
ers engaged in a hundred industries out-
side the Triple Alliance, are deciding the
attitude they should take towards the
strike to-day.

Complications are foreseen in the ranks
of the Electrical Trades Union, many
of whose members are civil servants. It
is noteworthy in this connection that the
Civil Service Confederation has issued
a manifesto expressing sympathy with
the miners, repeating the pledge given
last year by the Home Secretary that
civil servants could not be called on to
undertake duties not reasonably
within their contract, and enjoining upon
its members the duty of maintaining
vigilant neutrality.

The morning papers pin their hopes on
the efforts of moderate Labour leaders to
discover a bridge. In the meantime, the
number of Defence Force recruits
markedly increased yesterday: a number
of infantry battalions are now at full
strength, and others within sight of
full strength.

LATER.
Hope was revived this morning of a
peaceful settlement of the dispute when
it was unexpectedly learned that a rail-
waymen and transport workers' deputa-
tion had proceeded to Downing Street to
interview the Prime Minister, but at
the conclusion of a two hours' conference,
Mr. Thomas stated that he saw no pros-
pect of re-opening negotiations.

LATER.
While the sands are running out it is
still hoped that a way will be found to
avert the greatest industrial catastrophe
with which Great Britain has ever been
faced. The key to the situation is now
regarded to be held by Labour leaders out-
side the Triple Alliance. Much importance
is attached in this connection to the
joint meeting in the House of Commons
this evening of the Trade Union Congress,
the National Executive of the Labour Party
and the Parliamentary Labour Party, at
which a deputation of the Triple Alliance
will be present. It is hoped that a prac-
tical proposal for bringing the miners and
coal-seamers together again will emerge
from the deliberations. It is stated in
this connection that Labour leaders are
considering the suggestion that Govern-
ment's proposals for temporary financial
assistance might be combined with a
national pool established without Govern-
ment control.

BRITISH MISSION TO KABUL.

PESHAWAR, April 14th.
Sir Henry Dobbs has returned to Kabul
from India to resume negotiations for a
treaty, but the general impression is
Kabul is that an early final decision is
not likely, owing to the Afghan Govern-
ment's endeavour to conclude treaties
with other Powers, and simultaneously
also, to carry on negotiations with the
Soviet Government for the establishment
of Consulates at various important
points near the Indian frontier, ostensibly
for commercial purposes but actually
for the purpose of making them
propaganda centres and carrying on
infringements among tribesmen, to which
the British Government is strongly opposed.

BUYERS' STRIKE.

NEW YORK, April 14th.
The United States Steel Corporation has
announced price reductions averaging
12 per cent. on all products except steel
tubes and sheet steel, the reductions on
which, it is understood, will be
announced later. The reductions are due
to trade depression, coupled with the
buyers' strike.

DIVORCE CASE.

NEW YORK, April 14th.
Mr. James Stanley Joyce, the million-
aire timber king, is suing for the annul-
ment of his marriage with his wife, an
actress better known as Peggy Hopkins.
Mr. Joyce, who is her third millionaire
husband, names several co-respondents,
including men well-known in New York
society.

DOCKERS' BOYCOTT.

Buenos Aires, April 14th.
The United States Ambassador
here, the Argentine Foreign Minister,
urging the Government to interfere in
the dockers' boycott of the American
steamer *Martha*, the unloading of which
has thus been prevented.

SOCIALIST SPLIT.

MADRID, April 14th.
The Socialist National Congress re-
jected the proposal to join the Third Inter-
national. The usual split followed.

DUTCH EXHIBITION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, April 14th.
As a result of the success of the South
African Government Exhibition in Am-
sterdam the idea is mooted in Holland of
holding a Dutch Exhibition in South
Africa at the beginning of 1922.

CHINESE EDUCATIONAL EXPERTS.

LONDON, April 14th.
Five Chinese educational experts,
under Dr. Yuan, are investigating the
different school systems in England, with
a view to their adoption in China after
thoroughly studying the British educa-
tional methods, from the elementary
schools to the universities, for comparison
with other national systems.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

MELBOURNE, April 14th.
In the House of Representatives, dis-
cussing Mr. Hughes' speech regarding
the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, the Hon.
F. G. Tudor approved of the speech, but
declared that he would not consent to
any interference with the White Aus-
tralia policy, of which 99 per cent. of
Australians were supporters.

Mr. Hughes interjected that he only
asked for approval of the renewal of the
Anglo-Japanese Treaty, and anything
subversive to the White Australia policy
should be turned down.

Mr. Tudor, continuing, declined to give
Mr. Hughes a free hand to agree with
the British foreign policy, which might
involve Australia in a war without Aus-
tralia being first consulted.

HONGKONG MEDICAL STUDENTS' SUCCESS.

LONDON, April 14th.
In the London School of Tropical
Medicine examination K. C. Cheng, of
Hongkong, and Miss J. J. Murphy and
Miss M. J. Ahern, of Malaya States
—have been declared successful.

CHINA COAST.

SHIPPING PERSONNEL.

LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. J. W. Tinson, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, "Sinkiang."
Mr. P. J. Green, second officer,
"Pakhoi," is on reserve. Mr. Allin-
son has been appointed second officer,
"Pakhoi."

Mr. J. Marshall, chief engineer,
"Hunan," is on reserve. Mr. J.
Maher, from reserve, has gone chief
engineer, "Hunan."

Mr. J. Brackendridge, from reserve,
has gone supernumerary third engi-
neer, "Teau."

Mr. J. G. Melling, supernumerary
second officer, "Suifu," has gone
second officer, "Luenho." Mr. J.
M. Morren, second officer, "Luen-
ho," has gone acting chief officer,
same ship. Mr. A. F. Johnson, chief
officer, "Luenho," is on reserve.

Mr. W. H. Mills, supernumerary
second engineer, "Choyang," has
gone second engineer, "Yusang."

Mr. E. Scott, from reserve, has
gone second engineer, "Kutwo."
Mr. J. J. Robertson, second engineer,
"Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, acting second
engineer, "Yusang," has gone third
engineer, same ship.

Mr. W. O. Nicoll, supernumerary
third engineer, "Tuckwo," is on
reserve.

Captain G. H. Wilkins, of the
"Ralph Moller," is on leave. Mr.
R. A. Young, from reserve, has gone
acting master, "Ralph Moller." Mr.
C. R. MacDonald, chief officer,
"Ralph Moller," has resigned. Mr.
N. C. Klopfer has been appointed
chief officer, "Ralph Moller."

THE ROOM WHERE THE WAR WAS WON.

"This is the room where the war
was won."—Mr. Lloyd George to a
reporter at Chequers.

The names of those who won the
war
Are numerous and glorious—
A newspaper proprietor;
Statesmen; diplomatists galore—
Though not a single soldier, or
A sailor, was victorious.

But now a guide can show the room
In which the war was won:
At Chequers, where the distant
boom
Of not a single gun
Disturbed the quiet by day or night
Of him whose genius won the Fight.

Should incredulity presume
To doubt the story of the room,
Go, pilgrim, climb the marble stair,
And gaze upon the very chair
On which he sat, when from afar
There flashed the thought that won
the war.

WHY WE WENT UNDER DOWN-UNDER.

If you're anxious to know why we lost
all the matches
Don't pay any heed to the cabled
despatches.
Ignore all the newspaper yarns.
It wasn't the umpire, the sun, the
dropped catches,
The pitch, or the 100s, or the frequent
bad patches
[Too bad to be mended by darts].
It wasn't their pluck or our cham-
pions' laches,
Or the numerous eggs that the Wont-
wag-tail hatches.
That cost us five separate Marnes.
No, the truth is our side never up to
the scratch is
Unless we have Sydney for all our
matches—
The Sydney whose surname is
BARNES.
—E. J. P., in the Manchester
Guardian.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWLEN complaint is sure to be pre-
vented during the fruit season. Be
sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's
Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand.
It may save a life. For sale by all
Chemists and Storekeepers.

ASTHMA INSTANTLY RELIEVED

A Noted Physician will prove this to
sufferers in Hongkong.

The astonishing statement that Asthma
can be relieved instantaneously
coming from so well known authority as
Dr. R. Schiffmann, will be of interest to
asthma sufferers. The experience of
most asthmatics has been that little, if
any, relief has been afforded them by
the methods heretofore employed, as
well as the disease has been regarded as
incurable. This noted physician has,
however, after a life-long study of
Asthma and kindred diseases, discovered
a remedy which instantly relieves the
severest case of Asthma, Hay Fever and
Bronchitis. So complete is Dr. Schiff-
mann's confidence in his remedy that he
requests this paper to announce that
to-day and to-morrow he will offer a liberal
sample box of "Schiffmann's Asthma-
dor" free of charge to all persons
applying at THE PHARMACY, 22 Queen's
Road Central.

Dr. Schiffmann believes that an actual
test will be the most convincing, and in
fact the only way to overcome the natu-
ral prejudice of thousands of Asthmatics
who have heretofore sought relief in
vain. Persons residing in other locali-
ties outside of this city, who desire to
try this medicine, will be sent a free
sample package post paid, providing they
send simply their name and full address
(no other writing) on a post card,
within the next six days to
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WOMEN IN THE CABINET.

FEMININE INFLUENCE.

SOME HISTORICAL CASES.

All the world has of late been
busy in opening to women the places
reserved through the ages for men.
One community after another has
admitted women to the franchise,
and as an inevitable consequence to
representative Assemblies. But
British Columbia is the first State in
the Empire and in the world to
appoint a woman Cabinet Minister.
The lady who is destined to immortal
fame in the annals of her sex is Mrs.
Mary Ellen Ralph Smith. She was
the first woman elected to the
Legislature of her province, three
years since. She has long been
interested in philanthropic work and
in association with her late husband,
has had experience of public affairs.
Her politics are, we believe, to be
described as independent. It will be
generally admitted as appropriate
that the department committed to the
charge of this first woman Minister
of State should be that of education.
Coming events cast their shadows be-
fore. There can be little doubt that
in years to come every civilized
country will employ women in posts
of the highest responsibility. We
may suspect that in any calculable
future the number of women Cabinet
Ministers will be small, as the num-
ber of women contending for the
burdens and prizes of a political
career is for now likely to be far less
than the host of men. On the other
hand it is to be supposed that the
few women who venture into the
arena will have rather higher
qualifications than the average male
politician, and therefore their hon-
ours may be out of proportion
to their numbers. How long we
may have to wait in a Prime
Minister admitting the claims of a
woman to an office of Cabinet rank
it is impossible to predict, but we have
already before us examples of women
—who have proved themselves
to possess intellectual power and
administrative capacity at least as
high as that required to qualify a
male politician for Cabinet office.
The obvious experience can hardly
in these days be considered fatal.
Even before the war the old custom
honouring which required a term in
subordinate positions before admis-
sion to the first rank was growing
obsolete. Whether the entry of wo-
men to the Cabinet will give us a
better Government is a question which
may be long but not very fruitfully
debated. Feminine influence in politics
is not new phenomenon. Without
seeking obscure and remote instances,
we may recall how the first Duchess
of Marlborough long kept a Govern-
ment in power, and Abigail Hill turned
it out and almost brought the
exiled Stuarts in. There were men
who objected to sitting in a Cabinet
with Lord Holland because his wife
read all his papers and did not
hesitate to work upon or against his
colleagues. Lord Palmerston owed
much of his long tenure of power
to his wife's skill. Such instances
might be multiplied. But obviously
influence in support of a man or a
policy is a different thing from in-
dividual ability or administration.
The ultimate value of the woman
Minister is likely to be found not in
the introduction of any new spirit
into our system of government, but
in enlisting capacity which is now
not fully employed.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

April 12th, 1921.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Steaks—Mal Lang Pa	lb. 20	Chicken—Kai Tai	lb. 30
Prime Cut	21	Capons, Small—Shi Kai	34
Corned—Ham Ngau Yau	22	Capons, Large—Shi Kai	38
Roast—Shiu	20	Duck—Ap	38
Breast—Ngau Nam	15	Ducks—Pan Kan	38
Scap—Tung Yau	16	Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	23
Steak—Ngau Yau Pa	20	Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	26
Steak Steaks—Ngau Lan	20	Fowls, Canton—Kai Tai	40
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	25	Fowls, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	30
Salmon's Brains—Ngau No per set	10	Geese—Nga	26
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li each 50	60	Pigeons, Canton—Pik Kap	45
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	each 60 cents	" Hoihow—Hoi Hoi Pak Kap	each 35
Head—Ngau Tai	each 80	Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 70
Heart—Ngau Sam	lb. 13	Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na	lb. 55
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kiu	18	Salmon—Shi Tai	each 22
Feet—Ngau Kiu	each 10	Pheasant—Shi Kai	1.10
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	9	Quail—Om Chan	25
Liver—Ngau Kiu	15	Partridges—Che Ku	75
Tripe (medium), Ngau To	lb. 5		
Wolfs Head and Feet—Ngau Tai	each 1.00		

Poultry.

Almonds—Heng Yan	lb. 60	Apples, (California)—Kam Shan	Ping So 35
Bananas, (Orin's), Macao—San	each 4	Carambola—Yung To	each 10
Cashewnuts—Yung To	each 10	Coconuts—Ye To	each 10
Lemons, China—Ling Mung	lb. 10	Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan	each 5
Lichees, Dried, (small stone)	each 10	Lai Chi Kiu	35
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet	14	Shao-shen Tin Chang	10
Oranges, Tim Chang	20	Peas, (Canton), Cooking—Shi Li	12
Peas, (Canton), Cooking—Shi Li	12	Peas—Fa Shang	12
Persimmons, Large—Hung Tse	each 10	Plantain—Tsi Chi	10
Plantain—Tsi Chi	10	Pomelo, Slim—Tsim Lo Yau	each 10
Pomelo—Hop To	each 10	Grapes—Po Tai Tze	each 10



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MARRIAGE.

YOUNG—BRAIDWOOD.—At the Parish Church, Helensburgh, on the 14th April, by the Rev. J. G. Christie, B.D., assisted by the Rev. J. Murray, Arbroath, uncle of the bridegroom, James Young, eldest son of James Young, Muirhouse, Crosshouse, Ayrshire, to Dorothy Agnes Drew, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Braidwood, Wellington Lodge, Helensburgh.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1921.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

In the 76th anniversary number of the China Mail reference was made to the Technical Institute, which is housed at Queen's College, and supposed to be supervised by a nominated committee of seven members. "The activities of this Committee," reported the Director of Education, "have not been very marked during recent years." Nor, we may add, have the results of this sub-department been such as to elicit praise from those who take an intelligent interest in this very important branch of local educational work. Something must be done to ensure that the money spent on it is better invested. The equipment, for a start, is said to be far short of what it ought to be, and we hear of cases in which boys have been allowed to sit for examination who were not sufficiently grounded in English to understand the questions. We have it in mind to pro-

pose, failing better advice, the transfer of these classes to the University, where the appliances provided are better. If the University people object, and pretend that such evening classes would interfere with their own work, we shall have to remind them that we as taxpayers now have a stronger claim upon them than before. It is very probable that we have promising pupils who could not enter the University on regular terms, but who would be able to take advantage of some such extension of University usefulness. It is merely a matter of utilizing room and equipment, in hours not employed by the University, utilizing material for which we as taxpayers have helped to pay, and so avoiding the necessity, otherwise inevitable, of providing a duplicate equipment for these classes. We have been promised some details of results and methods at the Technical Institute which, when received, may enable us to deal more fully with the situation than we can at present.

"WHOM WILL YOU PUT IN THEIR PLACE?"

That is the question put by helpless, futile men to critics who see clearly one thing at a time, and especially that the one thing first, and most important, is to turn out the present gang of politicians who call themselves the British Government. It is not easy to answer for the reason that our newspapers do not instruct us. They cannot, because their knowledge, like that of the Man in the Street, is restricted to the lime-light. The Man in the Street depends on the papers. The papers keep their eyes on those who jump into the spot-light, and ignore all else. Thus the vicious circle completes itself, and precedent and habit and convention and the Dead Hand bind and gag all who might otherwise work for a better social order. All governments are created

by the people, and that which the people create the people have a right to examine, and if necessary, to recreate. Unfortunately, our people take what offers. In politics, it is not true that one volunteer is worth ten pressed men. The volunteer is usually a grafter—like the bunch now in power.

Well, the awkward question has now been answered for us by a man who has proved that he is a qualified critic. The author of "The Mirrors of Downing Street," a book which gives the fairest notion of the characters of the gang in power, has answered the question in the London Magazine. He proposes the following cabinet:

Prime Minister—Mr. Alfred Zimmern.

Foreign Secretary—Lord Robert Cecil.

Director of the Commonwealth—Lord Leverhulme.

Board of Trade—Sir Alfred Booth.

Chancellor of the Exchequer—Lord Inverforth.

Home Secretary—Mrs. Bramwell Booth.

Minister of Labour—Mr. J. R. Clynes.

It will be observed that precedent has no terrors for this man. He abandons altogether that rotten borough of mediocrity which we call party politics. He jettisons the superstition that lawyers are the only knowledgeable men, we have. He sees that the changed times and changed conditions need political changes of a radical sort, and he goes ahead.

But who is Mr. Zimmern? Who ever heard of him? For such an important post as that of Premier, why propose an unknown man? Precisely. This confirms the justice of our opening remarks. The fact that he is not in the lime-light does not prove that he is not the best man for the job. He is, we read, professor of history in the University of Wales, and has perfect poise; his moral nature is stable, his intellect flexible, his spirit securely balanced. His judgment is penetrating, creative, and fertile.

A Premier should know history well, and be a lofty, moral idealist. He need not be a master of organization, but appreciate the value of it, and inspire it.

Of Lord Robert Cecil for Foreign Secretary we read that our rotten system has been thwarting his great powers. We can believe that.

The "Director of the Commonwealth" is the new title proposed for the Colonial Secretary, who (if it were Lord Leverhulme) would put everything right in five years. Good!

Of Sir Alfred Booth, of the Cunard Company, for President of the Board of Trade, it is said that he would "soon make our Consular service a living branch of British industry."

"In a nation like ours, the volume of whose commerce is so colossal, and the character of whose civilisation is so complex, a Chancellor of the Exchequer should possess an almost encyclopedic knowledge of trade. He must have in his blood the energy of a merchant-adventurer. He must not be a pedant. He must be immune from the clerical narrowness of the Civil Service, and superior to the timidity of the banker. With a wide knowledge of the country's trade, he must have a genius for figures, a scrupulous sense of honour, and a courage that will not fail him either in crushing waste and extravagance or in launching out on great national investments involving many millions of pounds. To get such a man at this moment it is necessary to break with one of the stupidest of our parliamentary traditions. I suggest for this office Lord Inverforth, who sits in the Upper Chamber, and might be a failure in debate if he sat in the Commons. With Lord Leverhulme developing the resources of our immense commonwealth, with Sir Alfred Booth organising the industry of the United Kingdom, and with Lord Inverforth administering its finances, I do not entertain the smallest doubt that in five years' time our debt would weigh upon us like a feather, and poverty be banished from the land."

With a good woman as Home Secretary, he goes on, the moral progress of the nation would get more attention; and of Mr. Clynes as Labour Minister he says: "To this office, so important to the prosperity of the whole nation, I would raise the most reflective, the most courageous, and the most earnest member of the Labour Party, a man who has suffered terribly under the brutal system which is passing away, but whose intellect is too acute and whose spiritual poise is too sure, either for bitterness or for vehemence—Mr. J. R. Clynes.

These seven should be the supreme council of the nation. Now let whoever will quarrel with these suggestions, the power has been answered; the great truth stands firm that the present system is bad, and that the men who retain power by it are also bad. Out of bad so bad, no good can come. Vote for Zimmern, the man you never heard of.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

STAMP DUTY BILL.

UNOFFICIAL ANXIETY.

"AN ATTACK ON FREE TRADE."

Owing to the late hour at which the first reading of the Stamp Duty Bill was moved in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, we were able to give only a brief outline of the discussion. The full report follows:

The Attorney-General, in moving that the Bill be read a first time, said: The objects of this Bill are three: (1) to increase the stamp revenue; (2) to correct defects in the existing law; and (3) to provide for the collection of stamp duties more efficiently than before and to enact certain provisions aimed at evasion. On the question of revenue, sir, I propose to say nothing because your Excellency dealt with that point at the last meeting of the Council as Colonial Secretary; on the second point—defects in the existing law—defects have been discovered from time to time in the working of the existing Ordinance. They are quite numerous, and many of them well-known. In many cases the definitions, on which one relies for interpretations of particular sections, are inexact, or entirely non-existent; in other cases whole headings of revenue are omitted. For example, it was discovered the other day that no duty is payable under the existing law on vesting orders, though a vesting order has exactly the same effect as a conveyance and is treated as a conveyance under the Stamp Law of the United Kingdom. Agreements for the sale of property, again, are not subject to any duty, except \$1 agreement duty. In England, they are subject to the same ad valorem duty as conveyances. In many cases the agreement for the sale of property is the only document executed, and the sale goes through without any duty being paid. Again, certificates of satisfaction are one way of clearing off a mortgage, without paying any duty here at present, though re-assignments, another method of paying off a mortgage, do pay. Many of these defects have been discovered, and they are remedied, I think, in the present bill. No doubt the Bill contains defects, and I hope that, if it does, some at least of them will be discovered in the discussion of this Bill in Committee of the Council. We also hope that when the Bill is published in the Gazette that the various classes of persons and bodies affected by these duties will consider it as quickly as they can, and will make any representations which they may wish to make at as early a date as possible. Any criticisms will be welcomed and will be carefully considered. But it is hoped that if they are going to be made they will be made quickly, so that the passing of the Bill will not be unduly delayed.

NOVEL CLAUSES.

The third general object of the Bill is to facilitate the collection of stamp duties, generally, and to prevent evasion. Under that heading, I would like to direct attention to certain clauses, some of which I think are novel, at least in this Colony. Clause 10 of the Bill provides that, if any minimum amount is prescribed below which stamp duty is not to be payable, no person is to execute more instruments than would ordinarily be necessary in order to evade duty by such "splitting." The present law provides that if a sum of money exceeding \$10 is paid of person receiving it must not split up that amount into two portions if it is substantially one amount, in order thereby to evade receipt duty. That principle, of forbidding splitting in order to evade duty, is now by this clause applied generally. Sub-clause (2) of the same clause is aimed at the same people. In some cases, the duty is at the higher rate on the larger amounts and this sub-clause prohibits any splitting for the purpose of evading the higher scale. Of course, it can be done by executing two or more documents which would pay duty only on the lower scale. That, in future, will be a criminal offence. Clause 41 is intended to broaden and fasten the liability in cases of companies and other corporate bodies and firms. Sub-clause (1) provides that when an instrument which ought to be stamped is not stamped, every director and manager shall be deemed to have committed an offence but, in any case, the company itself shall be deemed to have committed an offence by the mere failure to stamp. The mere fact of failure to stamp—if this section effects what it is intended to effect—will render the Company liable to a fine; the directors and officers will also be liable to a fine if it can be shown that they were knowingly parties to the evasion of the duty, or failure to stamp. Sub-clause (2) contains a similar provision with regard to firms. If an instrument which ought to be stamped is not stamped, and is executed in the name of the firm, every partner and servant of the firm who was knowingly party to the failure to stamp is guilty of an offence, and in any case the person having the management of the firm is made liable merely on the ground of failure to stamp, the idea being that he is a manager of the firm and it is his duty to see that any document executed by the firm pays the proper stamp duty.

EVERYONE'S DUTY.

The only other thing I would like to say on this third object of the Bill is that, of course, it is everyone's duty, if these taxes are imposed by the legislature, to accept them loyally and to pay them—if not cheerfully, at least without attempting to evade them. The Government will not hesitate in cases of deliberate and persistent evasion to ask for imprisonment. Clause (46) provides for a maximum fine of \$10,000, and also provides imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year. We shall not hesitate to ask for imprisonment where the stamp duty is deliberately and systematically evaded.

UNSTAMPED DOCUMENTS.

I would like to draw attention, sir, to clause (6) of the Bill; that is a clause which provides that unstamped documents are not to be admissible in evidence in certain criminal proceedings, or in proceedings before any arbitrator or referee, and are not to be registered or filed by any corporation or public officer unless they are stamped. The particular provision I want to draw attention to is expressed at the end of clause (1), and in clause (2). In many cases the stamp duty imposed by this Bill may be paid within seven days after execution, but if the document is to be produced in Court before the expiration of those seven days it must be produced stamped, and is not admissible until it is stamped. In other words, whether the time has come by which the document must be stamped or not, if the person producing it wishes to put it in evidence, or if it is to be filed or registered, or filed, or registers it, before he produces, or files, or registers it, Clause (16) deals with the question of stamping by special leave after the proper time for stamping has expired. Under the existing law the collector has, in certain cases, power to stamp after the time has expired, but in other cases it is necessary to apply to the Governor-in-Council. This clause gives the power in all cases to the collector, but gives an appeal from the collector to the Governor-in-Council. I think it would save time very often if the application is made first of all to the collector, and if a person is dissatisfied with his decision he can appeal to the Governor-in-Council.

PROPERTY SALES AND SHARE CONTRACTS.

Certain duties imposed by this Bill are new to this Colony, though precedents for them exist elsewhere. One is heading No. 5 in the schedule; agreement for the sale of property. That does not apply to goods, or shares, or ships, but it applies to all other property; and the idea is that if an agreement is entered into for the future sale or conveyance of property that agreement must pay duty. If it is followed by a full conveyance then the conveyance is exempt from duty; if the agreement is rescinded then the stamp duty is returned. The duty on share contract notes is also new in this Colony, and is to be found in heading 41 (5). The scale is \$2 where the amount does not exceed \$10,000, and is \$5 where it exceeds \$10,000. A similar duty exists in England, and also, I think, in the Straits Settlements, though I think in the Straits Settlements it is lower. In England—in the United Kingdom—the scale is rather an odd one, but the duty amounts to 6d. on £100 to £1 on £20,000. Here the scale and schedule is divided into two portions, only for convenience—\$2 and \$5 only. The Bill also provides that on every sale of shares the broker must give a sale contract note to the purchaser; if he does not he commits a criminal offence.

CERTIFICATES TO PRACTICE.

Another duty is that of certificates to practice—Heading No. 15. That is also dealt with in Clause 22 of the Bill. These certificates must be taken out only by the various classes of persons mentioned in the section—architects, barristers, dentists, medical practitioners, chemists, solicitors. They must take out an annual certificate to practice, for which they must pay \$25 a year. As this Bill will come into force in the middle of the year, it is proposed to make regulations giving a certain time after the law comes into force for taking out these certificates before they must be taken out before the following year commences—in December of each year for the following year.

There is only one other duty I think which is... H.E. the Officer Administering the Government: Share transfers. The Attorney-General: That refers to the duty on shares. I have just referred to one; that is, the share contract note. The transfer of shares under the bill will in future be 50 cents for every \$100. At present, the duty is 20 cents a hundred, I may say, 50 cents, or 1 per cent, is the scale of duty payable in the United Kingdom and that is a scale not introduced during the war, but before the war. In a particular heading 41 (1) it is proposed in Committee to alter the fifth column so as to read "before execution"; in other words, so as to provide that transfers of shares must, as at present be stamped before execution. The most novel feature of the bill is that dealt with in sub-head 2 of 41—registration duty. This subject is also dealt with in clause 29 of the bill. It is an attempt to deal with the question of blank transfers. The use of blank transfers obviously leads to a great many transfers of shares escaping duty. Transfers pass from hand to hand; they are not registered, and no doubt the transfer duty is frequently evaded on such transfers. Section 29 provides that if a transfer of shares is not registered within one month from the date of transfer, then it has got to pay an additional registration fee of \$1 per \$100; if not registered within three months, \$2; six months, \$5; one year \$10—the object being to induce people to register their transfers as soon as possible so as to obviate the possibility of transfers taking place which never come to the knowledge of the company and which therefore may evade payment of transfer duty. It is proposed—I do not know whether the copies of the Bill before members now contain the provision, or not, but it is proposed to add to Clause 29 a further sub-section (8) which will read as follows:

"Every person who transfers to any other person any share that is on a share register kept in the Colony must forthwith execute the instrument of transfer."

There are two exemptions from these payments of transfer duty: one is a transfer of shares on registers which are not required by law to be kept within the Colony—as for instance, Straits Companies—and the other is the transfer of shares to bearer.

AGREEMENTS FOR SALE OF GOODS.

There are three duties, sir, which are entirely new to this Colony, and, I think, without precedent anywhere. One is heading number 4—agreements for the sale of goods. These, I think, are exempt everywhere else, but it seemed to be a convenient point at which to collect duty and the duty imposed by the bill is a very light one, of one dollar—a flat rate of one dollar, but this does not apply to amounts under \$100, and it does not apply to a memorandum of retail sale in a shop.

EXCHANGE CONTRACTS.

The duty imposed on exchange contracts is also new. The heading under which that comes is 22, and in section 23. It is imposed only on exchange contracts which do not result in remittances, that is to say on contracts which are cancelled or set off.

THE THIRD TAX WHICH IS NEW IS THAT IMPOSED ON TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS:

The section is 28 and the heading is 43. There seems to be no reason why remittances by bill of exchange should pay duty while remittances by telegraph should pay nothing, and it is proposed now to impose a duty on telegraphic transfers. The duty is the same as the present bill of exchange duty. That duty is very low, much lower than the duty in England and lower than the duty in the Straits; and I think it will not be an undue burden on commerce. I beg to move the first reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SECONDED THE MOTION.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: In view of what the learned Attorney-General has said I would ask that several copies of this Bill should be sent to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Stock Brokers' Association. I would also ask that a reasonable interval be allowed before the second reading is taken.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I should like to support the request of my honourable friend.

HIS EXCELLENCY: YOU ARE NOT IN ORDER IN SPEAKING TO THE BILL.

There is no debate on the first reading.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I shall be bound to vote against the Bill unless I am allowed to speak.

The Attorney-General explained that when a Bill is introduced for first reading the mover explains the bill, and the debate occurs on the second reading and in Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: I should like to ask the authority for the statement that no debate is allowed on the first reading.

The Attorney-General read Standing Order No. 38. The motion for the first reading was then put and agreed to.

"A DIRECT ATTACK ON FREE TRADE."

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I wish to ask for a lengthy adjournment between first and second reading for the reason that vital principles are involved in the first place it is a direct attack on Free Trade, and, therefore, the Chamber of Commerce should have the fullest opportunity of discussing the various alterations and new taxes proposed. In the second place, as you are aware, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, the Hon. Mr. Stephen and myself will be leaving the Colony shortly for a long period, and although we are sure to be represented by very worthy substitutes, it is but reasonable that full opportunity should be given for discussion before they are called upon to pass a Bill of such importance to the trade of the Colony.

His Excellency: Honourable members are aware that a Committee representing many important interests in this Colony has considered this Bill for months past and the Bill is the outcome of their deliberations. The object of the Bill is to raise more revenue and the amount which it is estimated will be raised by this Bill was down in the estimates which came before the Council last October on which the honourable member and nearly all the members here voted. They were well aware that a sum estimated roughly at a million dollars was to be raised by Stamp duties and that some of them would be new and some would make considerable advances on the present duties. I do not understand what the honourable member means when he says that these duties will interfere with free trade. They certainly do not do that. There are one or two duties which will have very beneficial effects in controlling transactions which cannot be considered to be to the benefit of trade or the benefit of the Colony and in that respect they ought to be applauded rather than denounced. I therefore consider that we must get the Bill through because we want to raise the revenue. We wish to give a reasonable time for its consideration by the various parties who are interested and who represent trade interests, professional interests and all the interests affected by this Bill in this Colony. What that time shall be we must now consider. I thought a fortnight might not be too long. I am perfectly willing to hear what honourable members think but they must bear in mind that there has been considerable delay in bringing the Bill forward because of the great difficulty in drawing it up, and the sooner we pass it into law the better.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: With reference to the date of the adjournment I am informed that the hon. member on my right (Mr. Holyoak), and the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, and the Hon. Mr. Stephen will be leaving on the 28th inst. which is the very date your Excellency has mentioned.

His Excellency: That date was mentioned as the shortest time for the adjournment. It is very unfortunate that these members should be leaving. I had no idea that the hon. members were leaving the Colony on that date. Every day this Bill is not passed means a considerable loss of revenue. I am sure they will leave a memorandum of whatever remarks they have to make on the Bill. We want to have their opinions, but I do not think it matters much whether they are actually given in the Council; it might even be an advantage to have their memoranda for consideration before the Council meets. If it would be convenient we might have a meeting before they go away—say, on Tuesday, the 26th or Monday, the 25th. I am not saying that we should pass the Bill then, but it would give members who are going away an opportunity of discussing the Bill. We could have another meeting for passing the second reading if it is desired.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I am not saying that this suggestion was agreeable to him.

His Excellency: Then we will bring the Bill on for second reading on the 25th inst. and if the discussion is then not completed we can have a further meeting to complete it.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak: On that understanding, I am perfectly agreeable.

The Attorney-General: The Bill can go into Committee and be recommended to the next meeting of the Council.

The Council was thereupon adjourned to April 25th, at 2.30 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

A RAILWAY VOTE.

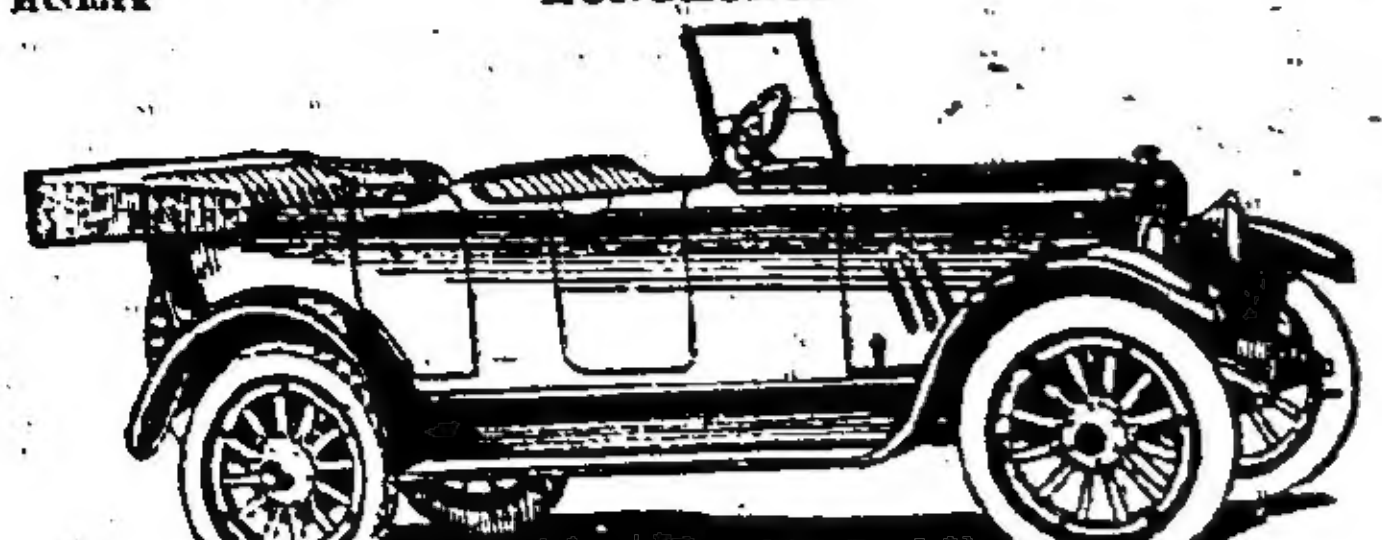
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,050 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, platform awnings.

The Chairman: This is required in connection with the construction of the awnings of the Kowloon Railway Station. There are also certain alterations necessary to the iron fences and gates which were unforeseen.

Approved.

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CONSTABLES CHARGED.
ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED RAID.

GAMBLER'S COMPLAINT.
Li Nam and Li Tun, two Chinese constables, one of whom used to officiate as Court constable in Magistrate Lindsay's Court, were yesterday afternoon charged before the Magistrate with violation of duty.
Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of "not guilty." Mr. A. E. Hall watched the proceedings in behalf of the complainant.
Detective Inspector Appleton, who prosecuted, said that the allegation against the defendants was that they had conducted an unauthorised gambling raid on the ground floor of No. 2 Kong Hoi Terrace, and stolen \$90 from the gambling table. Evidence would be given to the effect that the defendants were accompanied by three other men, not in custody, raided the house about 9.30 p.m., on March 31, and stopped a game of pool in which a number of rich poolies participated. As soon as the alarm was given, the gamblers escaped, leaving on the gambling table the stake money amounting to \$45. This money the defendants were alleged to have appropriated. They were also alleged to have taken a further sum of \$45 from the bed of the principal tenant of the house. This money the complainant had left behind in his hurry to escape capture. The defendants made no attempt to effect any arrests, and left the house after they had helped themselves to the money. As the result of a report made to the police by the complainant, it was discovered that the raid on the house was unauthorised and no report of it had been made by the defendants.
After evidence had been heard the hearing was adjourned until Tuesday.

SPORT.
CRICKET.

INTERPORT PRACTICE.
The following will represent Mr. Sayer's XI in an interport practice match on the Hongkong Club ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.
Major Bagnall, Col. Bowen, F. H. Farthing, Lieut. J. B. Franks, R.N., Lieut. Commr. W. S. L. Gilchrist, R.N., Capt. P. Havelock-Davies, E. B. Read, F. J. de Rome, Captain Spinks, C. J. Stapleton, and G. R. Sayer (Capt.).

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
Club Championship.—C. W. Sewell beat Major C. Willson, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Mixed Doubles.—Lt. Col. Bowen and Miss Bowen beat Lt. Col. Nicholson and Mrs. Compertz, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
TO-DAY'S GAMES.
Open Doubles Championship.—R. Hancock and H. Hancock v. Wong Po-keung and V. Yanovich.
Open Singles Championship.—J. B. Fenman v. M. K. Lo.
Men's Handicap Doubles.—J. R. Wood and G. R. Sayer v. G. Miskin and E. G. Grimble.
Club Championship.—Capt. P. Havelock-Davies v. A. D. Humphreys.

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT. COLONEL L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

1. Inspection.

The General Officer Commanding will inspect the Corps on TUESDAY, 19th instant.

The Corps will parade at 5 p.m. on that date at Volunteer Headquarters. (All members of the Corps Reserve Company included at present in the Colony) are required to attend this parade.

Dress:

Khaki Tunics, Shorts, Putties, Black boots, Helmets, Rifles and Bayonets, (Scottish Company kilts and Balmoral Caps).

Web Equipment:—Belts, Braces, Ammunition Pouches only (no haversacks or water-bottles).

Leather Equipment:—Belts, Saddlery, (no haversacks or water-bottles).

Artillery, Engineers and Mounted Infantry Section will parade with Rifles and Bayonets.

Machine Gunners (parade with Revolvers).

Officers will carry Canes.

2. Mounted Infantry Section.
Parade on Murray Parade Ground, at 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, 19th inst.

3. Cadet Company.
The Company will parade at Headquarters on TUESDAY, 19th instant at 5 p.m. All N.C.O.s and Cadets, must attend.

Dress: Drill Order with Helmets.

4. Promotions.
The following promotions and appointments will take effect from this date.

SCOTTISH COMPANY.

To be Corporal Piper No. 320 Piper T. Talton.

To be Lance Corporal No. 124 Private C. Young.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt. Major, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

NOTICE.

The Meeting to be held in General Officer Commanding's Office at 5.30 p.m. TO-DAY is unavoidably postponed.

Members will be notified later, when the meeting will now be held.

Hongkong, April 15, 1921.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship, "IYO MARU,"

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd April, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1921.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd April, 1921, will be subject to rent.

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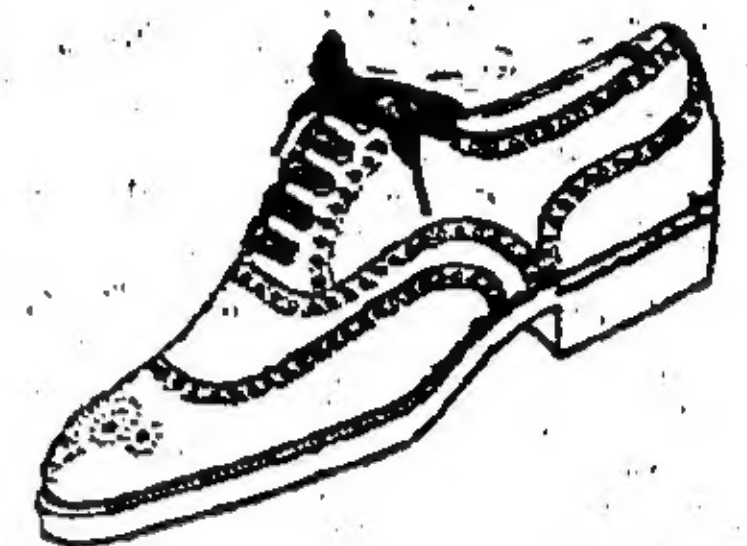
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The most interesting event of the afternoon was the Officers' 100 yards race. In this H.E. the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. (Officer Administering the Government), and Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, participated. The General had a good start and came very near to winning the race but the pace was a little too hot. When challenged some yards from home, he was unable to make the spurt, and the honours went to Lieut.-Col. Taylor of the Royal Engineers.

Another interesting event was the mile race which provided some good sport. As anticipated, the event was very closely contested.

During the afternoon, the band of the Wiltshire Regiment and the pipers and drummers of the Hongkong and Singapore R.G.A., rendered enjoyable music.

At the conclusion Mrs. Loring, wife of Lieut.-Col. W. Loring, distributed the prizes.

The following were the hard-working officials, all of whom deserve credit for the systematic way in which the meeting was held—

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Master-Gunner G. T. May (Time-

keeper), R.S.M. Capewell (Steward)

and Sergt. A. Gillard for preliminary

work in connection with the meeting.

Mrs. Mackridge and Mrs. Bingham

kindly contributed the table decorations.

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One of the biggest fires which

occurred in the F.M.S. in recent years

was that which resulted in the com-

plete destruction of fourteen double

fronted shop houses in Kuala Kang-

sar. The damage is conservatively

estimated at \$150,000, out of which

\$74,000, was covered by insurance.

A warning has been issued by

the Canton officials that any one

found guilty of cutting and stealing

telegraph wires will be tied to tele-

graph poles and shot. Complaints from

the Telegraph Office have been made

about the frequent cutting of tele-

graph wires by natives along the

East River and around Swatow.

This has been interfering with the

telegraph service and a request was

made to enforce strict laws to protect

the line. It is reported that the

natives often cut the wires and

convert them into small shot for

shooting purposes. The frequency of

these complaints from the telegraph

Office has aroused the officials to

enforce the new law.

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All claims must be presented within FIFTEEN DAYS of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered, after 16th inst., will be subject to rent.

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III.—THE HAND OF A THIEF

BY SAKH ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

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In which is introduced Earl Dexter, American, who only goes in on the big game. The girl with the violet eyes appears again and in this third story of the adventures attending the theft of Mohammed's slipper mystery and excitement are more intense than ever.

"One of the dwarfs—" "Not even one of the dwarfs," said Bristol, "could have passed between those iron bars!" "But there was blood on the windows!" "I know there was, and human blood. It's been examined!" He stared at me fixedly. The thing was unspeakably uncanny.

"To-night," he went on, "I am remaining in here," nodding toward the Assyrian room—"and I have so arranged it that no mortal being can possibly know I am here. Mostyn is staying and you may stay too if you care to. Owing to Professor Deeping's will, you are badly involved in the beastly business and I have no doubt you are keen to see it through."

"I am," I admitted, "and the end I look for and hope for, is the recovery of the slipper by its murderous owners!" "I am with you," said Bristol. "It's just a point of honour; but I should be glad to make them a present of it. We're ostentatiously placing a constable on duty in the hallway to-night—largely as a blind. It will appear that we're taking no other additional precautions."

I half anticipated, though I cannot imagine why that Earl Dexter would put in an appearance during the day. He did not do so, however, for Bristol had put a constable on the door who was well acquainted with the appearance of the Sombreiro Man. The inspector, in the course of his investigations, had come upon what might have been a clue but what was at best a confusing one. Close by the wall of the curator's house and lying on the gravel path he had found a part of a gold cuff link. It was of American manufacture.

Upon such slender evidence we could not justly assume that it pointed to the presence of Dexter, on the night of the attempted robbery, but it served to complicate a matter already sufficiently involved.

In pursuance of Bristol's plan, I concealed myself that evening just before the closing of the museum doors, in a recess behind a heavy piece of Babylonian sculpture. Bristol was similarly concealed in another part of the room and Mostyn joined us later.

All the blinds being lowered, the Assyrian room was a place of gloom, yellowed on the western side by the moonlight through the blind. The door communicating with the Burton

room was closed but not fastened. This was not my first night vigil since I had become in a sense the custodian of the relic, but it was quite the most dreary. Amid the tomb-like objects about us we seemed two puny mortals toying with stupendous things. We could not smoke and must converse only in whispers; and so the night wore on until I began to think that our watch would be duly uneventful.

Then from somewhere—somewhere outside the building—we all three had heard a soft whistle. A moment of tense listening followed.

"If only we could have had the place surrounded," whispered Bristol—"but it was impossible, of course." A faint grating noise echoed through the lofty Burton room. Bristol slipped past me in the semi-gloom, and gently opened the communicating door a few inches.

"Tip-toe," I joined him, and craning across his shoulder saw a strange and wonderful thing. The newly-glazed east window again was shattered with a booming crash! The yellow blind was thrust aside. A long something reached out toward the broken case. There was a humming sound. Paralyzed with the wonder of it—for the window, remember, was thirty feet from the ground—I stood frozen to my post.

Not so Bristol. As the weird tentacle (or more exactly it reminded me of a gigantic crab's claw) touched the case, the inspector leaped forward. A white beam from his electric torch cut through to the broken cabinet.

The thing was withdrawn—and with it went the slipper of the Prophet. "Raise the blinds," cried Bristol. "Mr. Cavanaugh! Mr. Mostyn! We must not let them give us the slip!" I got up the blind of the nearest window as Bristol raised the other. Not a living thing was in sight from either.

Idea of the supernatural came to us all, I know; when, with a scuffling sound not unlike that of a rat in a ceiling, something moved above us! "Damn my thick head!" roared Bristol, furiously. "He's on the roof! It's flat as a floor and there's enough ivy alongside the water-spout on your house, adjoining, Mr. Mostyn, to afford foothold to an invading army!"

He plunged off toward the open door, and I heard him racing down the Assyrian room. "He had a short rope ladder fixed from the gutter!" he cried back at us. "Graham! Graham!" (the constable on duty in the hall.) "Get the front door open! Get!" His voice died away as he leaped down the stairs.

From the direction of Orpington Square came a horrid, choking scream. It rose hideously; it fell, rose again and died.

The thief escaped. We saw the races upon the ivy where he had hastened down. Bristol ascended by the same route, and found where the ladder-hooks had twice been attached to the gutter. Constable Graham, who was first actually to leave the

building, declared that he heard the whirr of a resorted motor lower down Great Ormond Street. Bristol's theory, later to be dreadfully substantiated, was that the thief had broken the glass and reached into the case with an arrangement similar to that employed for pruning trees, having a clutch at the end, worked with a cord.

"Hassan has been too clever for us," said the inspector. "But what's in God's name did that awful screaming mean?"

"I had a theory, but I did not advance it, then."

It was not until nearly dawn that my theory and Bristol's regarding the clutch arrangement both were confirmed. For, those under the railings which abut on Orpington Square, we found in a pool of blood just such an instrument as Bristol had described. And still clutching it was a pallid and ghastly shrunken hand that had been severed above the wrist!

"Merciful God!" whispered the inspector—"look at the oval ring on the finger! Look at the bandage where he cut himself on the broken window-glass that first night, when Mr. Mostyn disturbed him. It wasn't the hashishin who stole the thing."

"It's Earl Dexter's hand!"

No one spoke for a moment. Then: "Which of them has?" began Mostyn huskily.

"The slipper of the Prophet!" interrupted Bristol. "I wonder if we shall ever know."

The next story in this series will be "The Enigma of the Yellow Dwarf."

(To be continued.)

EX-SERVICE MEN.

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EARL HAIG'S STATEMENT.

The following Statement made by Field-Marshal Earl Haig at Leeds on the position as regards unity is of local interest in view of the meeting of ex-service men which was called by the General Officer Commanding for this afternoon but had owing to unavoidable circumstances to be postponed.

For some time past a Committee composed of six representatives of (1) National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Soldiers and Sailors, of the (2) Comrades of the Great War, of the (3) National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, and of the Officers' Association, has been at work devising ways and means of obtaining unity amongst ex-service organizations. The Committee has drafted a provisional constitution for the United body, and this Constitution has been accepted in principle, subject to certain modifications in points of detail by each of the organization represented on the Committee.

On January 8, the six representatives of each body met again, and having each reported that their organization accepted the principle of unity on the general lines outlined in the draft constitution, they constituted themselves as a provisional United Council to carry out the details of the proposed amalgamation. Mr. Lister, Chairman of the National Federation, was constituted Chairman of the provisional Council, and the three Secretaries of the National Federation, National Association, and Comrades were appointed Joint Secretaries of the United Council.

The Council finding it necessary to give a name to the United body chose the title of the "British Legion" provisionally, this title and all other arrangements made by the Council to be subject to a Joint Unity Conference of elected representatives of all the organizations concerned. As the detailed arrangements for their amalgamation are complicated and require careful consideration, it is not expected that the Unity Conference can be assembled before May. The Council being, however, of opinion that there should be no delay in putting in hand arrangements for united action and relief of distress amongst ex-service men of all ranks has constituted a Unity Relief Fund of the British Legion, composed of two representatives of each of the great ex-service organizations.

The Unity Relief Fund has been registered under the War Charities Act, has appointed a Secretary, and has offices at the Headquarters of the Officers' Association, 43 Grosvenor Square.

During the past year the Officers' Association has built up an elaborate organization for the relief of distress among ex-officers and their dependants, and for organizing the appeal to the public for funds. The Council of

the British Legion has requested the Officers' Association to place its machinery for collecting funds at the disposal of the Unity Relief Fund, and this it has gladly consented to do.

Under this arrangement the Officers' Association becomes the Officers' Department for benevolent work amongst ex-officers and their dependants, while the British Legion Unity Relief Fund will organize the distribution of funds for the benefit of the men and their dependants. In order that this work may be expedited, and in view of the great distress which prevails at present amongst ex-service men it is very urgent that it should be expedited, it is hoped that similar Unity Relief Committees will be formed of the representatives of all ex-service organizations in all towns of the Kingdom. I very much hope that such a Committee will be formed in Leeds, if it has not already been so formed, and I need hardly say that if it would in my opinion be of the greatest advantage if you, my Lord Mayor, in addition to the other many calls made upon you, could find time to act as Chairman of such a Committee.

Ever since I came home from France I have been urging upon my comrades to unite for their own benefit. By Unity we won the war and it is only by unity that we can overcome the grave difficulties and problems of the resettlement of the ex-service men in Civil Life. There have been difficulties and delays in bringing this unity about. Such delays are inevitable where there are in existence a number of bodies each with their own organizations, their own funds and their own property, and unfortunately the wave of unemployment which has come upon us in consequence of the depression of trade has found us with the organization of a united body still incomplete to deal with it. But I personally rejoice that all difficulties are now on the way to be overcome, that all the chief ex-service organizations are working together harmoniously with the one object of doing what is best for the men who fought and won the War, and the achievement of unity is now a certainty.

The United body will, it has been agreed, be democratic in constitution, non-party and non-sectarian and will I am convinced be a great power for good both for those who bore the brunt of the battle and for the country as a whole. Pending the completion of the united organization there may be some question as to the distribution of funds. I suggest that this is a matter which can suitably be left to the subscribers, as it being done in many places without the smallest difficulty or friction. Subscribers should be asked to say what portion of their funds should be allocated to officers and their dependants and men and their dependants. Where subscribers make no allocation of money, I suggest that the local Committee should come to an amicable arrangement in each place.

The essential point is that no one who fought for his country, whether as an officer or in the ranks, that no dependant of those who fought, whether widow, wife, orphan or child should suffer because of his service and that our country should redeem the pledge made to those who came forward and served in the hour of our need.

SUPERSTITIONS.

EMPTY BARRELS.

When we see a load of empty barrels going through the village street we say "there goes a load of barrels—it's going to rain to-morrow." Primitive man had two ways of rainmaking. One was by splashing water about in various ways, imitating the fall of rain, which procedure was supposed to work by sympathetic magic, or rather homeopathic magic, on the principle of like producing like. The other was by an appeal to the rain-god by exhibiting their empty water-jars or uttering incantations at the god's attention to their needs.

These practices still exist among uncivilized tribes. The rain barrel to catch the water from the roof was once an adjunct of every farmhouse—is sometimes met with now. From the empty water-jar to the empty rain barrel is an easy transition for that primitive mind which lurks in the "uncivilized" of all of us, subsisting from time immemorial. A load of empty barrels is an appeal to the rain-god. The basic idea of the superstition is an inheritance of the ages of the possession of which we are not conscious until it is revealed by investigation.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

RESULTS.

The following were the results—
Putting the Shot.—1, Capt. Davies; 2, Sergt. Skeet; 3, Sergt. Walker.
High Jump.—1, Capt. Davies; 2, Sergt. Skeet; 3, Sergt. Walker.
Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Capt. Davies; 2, Capt. Oliver; 3, Sergt. Skeet.
Sack Race.—1, Sergt. Kyte; 2, Gnr. Chant; 3, Sergt. Walker.
Long Jump.—1, Bdr. Watson; 2, Capt. Davies; 3, Gnr. McHugh.
Half Mile.—1, Capt. Davies; 2, Bdr. Watson; 3, Bdr. Wood.
220 Yards.—1, Bdr. Watson; 2, C.S.M. Williams; 3, Lt. Begg.
100 Yards.—1, Bdr. Watson; 2, C.S.M. Williams; 3, Gnr. Keaze.
Boat Race.—1, Bdr. Taylor; 2, Sergt. Kyte; 3, Sergt. Skeet.
Boys' Race.—1, D. Dillon; 2, J. Dillon; 3, R. Leach.
Quarter Mile.—1, Capt. Davies; 2, Bdr. Watson; 3, Gnr. Buckley.
Girls' Race.—1, D. Hunt; 2, A. Dillon; 3, C. Dillon.
120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Capt. Davies; 2, Gnr. Correns; 3, Sergt. Shipley.

Threading the Needle.—1, R.S.M. Capewell; 2, Sergt. Bertwell; 3, Sergt. Shipley.
Open Mile (open to Royal Navy, the Garrison, Volunteer Defence Corps and Hongkong Police).—1, Private Mair, Scottish Coy., H.K. V.D.C.; 2, Lce.-Corpl. Reelf, Wilt. Regt.; 3, Sergt. Davies, Wilt. Regt.
Veterans' Race.—1, C.S.M. Williams; 2, Gnr. Frampton; 3, Master Gnr. Watson.
W.O.s' and Sergs' Race.—1, C.S.M. Williams; 2, Sergt. Walker; 3, Sergt. Shipley.

Obstacle Race.—1, Bdr. Watson; 2, Bdr. Taylor; 3, Gnr. Chant.
Risha Race.—1, Sergt. Walker; 2, Lieut. Mockridge; 3, Major Downling.
Band Race.—1, Bdr. Davies; 2, Bdr. Murrant; 3, Bdr. Meek.
Officers' Race.—1, Lt.-Col. Taylor; 2, Major Law.
Relay Race.—1, 88th Coy. Bn. and Treacle.—1, Bdr. Woods; 2, Gnr. Clow; 3, Gnr. Chant.
Tug of War.—88th Coy. Consolation Race.—1, Gnr. Mockworthy; 2, Gnr. Bayley; 3, Bdr. Newcombe.

Cup for Best Athletic.—1, Capt. Davies; Runner up, Bdr. Watson.
Athletic Cup.—Won by 88th Coy. with 162 pts. out of 204 possible pts.

INDIAN EVENTS.
Tug of War.—Won by 2 Coy. Sikhs against Centre Section, Mountain Battery of Sikhs.
100 Yards.—1, Wari Khan; 2, Sultan Khan; 3, Nur Mohd.
Sack Fighting.—1, 2 Coy. Sikhs against Centre Section, Mountain Battery.

Putting the Shot.—1, Rajah Khan (33 ft.); 2, Painsa Khan (32 ft.); 3, Sharif Khan (31 ft.).
Long Jump.—1, Jhanda Singh; 2, Ujjar Singh; 3, Mian Khan.
Quarter Mile.—1, Mohammed Khan; 2, Mungai Singh; 3, Waryan Singh.

Boat Race.—1, 2 Coy. Sikhs; 2, Right Section, Mountain Battery; 3, Centre Section, Mountain Battery.
Kudh Race.—1, Kairin Din; 2, Waryan Singh; 3, Tejah Singh.
One Mile.—1, Karian Bux; 2, Mungai Singh; 3, Amrick Singh.
Indian Officers.—1, Subadar-Major, Bhan Singh; 2, Jemadar Mungai Singh.

Obstacle Race.—1, Hardit Singh; 2, Sultan Singh; 3, Nur Mohammed.
Relay Race.—1, Right Section, Mountain Battery; 2, Centre Section, Mountain Battery.

RESTAURANT HELD UP.

DARING YAU-MAT AFFAIR.

ARMED ROBBERS IMPRISON EMPLOYEES.

About 10 o'clock last night, when there were only a few customers in the Yee Yuen Restaurant, in Temple Street, Yau-mat, four men entered and ordered food. While they were being served, one man suddenly left the table, closed and bolted the front door, and stood on guard with a revolver in his hand. The other three, two of whom also had revolvers, rounded up all in the restaurant and locked them in the cook house. While one man stood guard against the kitchen door, the other two ransacked the premises, stealing from a bill in the counter, \$200 in silver coins and a brown leather bag containing clothing to the value of \$41. The robbers then switched off the electric lights and coolly walked out by the main entrance. It was some time before the imprisoned jokers could make themselves heard and obtain release. According to the accountant of the establishment, the robbers spent about a quarter of an hour on the premises.

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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

SPECIAL MEETING.

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In the pavilion of the Hongkong Cricket Club last evening, an extraordinary general meeting of the members was held for the purpose of considering the following resolutions—

1. That the present Hongkong Cricket Club be wound up, and the Committee be authorised to take all necessary steps for that purpose.
2. That the Committee be authorised to register a Company limited by guarantee, not exceeding \$100 per member, on the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association which will be submitted to the Meeting.
3. That the Committee be authorised to assign and hand over to the new Company, when registered, all the assets of the Club.

Mr. Richard Hancock, who was voted to the chair, said—Before putting the resolutions to the meeting I will endeavour to explain to you the exact position of the Club. For some time past it has been felt by your Committee that this Club should be brought into line with other institutions of a similar nature such as the Hongkong Club and the Golf Club. In former days, with a small membership, a privately owned members' club was feasible, but with the greatly increased membership it is expedient that the Club acquire a proper legal footing. The immediate cause of the present resolutions is the proposal to build a new pavilion, which necessitates the issue of debentures.

On consulting the Club's legal advisers it was ascertained that the Club not only had no power under its rules to issue debentures, but that, even were the rules amended, the Club could not legally issue debentures, and that liability for the money borrowed would fall personally on the Committee and, probably, *pro rata* upon all the members, since the debentures would in effect be nothing more than I.O.U.s, issued by the Club, and would give no priority to the holders in the event of the Club being wound up. In a concern which has reached the size of the present Cricket Club it is essential that it should have some recognized legal existence and regulations of a more elaborate nature than those of the existing rules, which were not framed to meet the present circumstances. Once the Club has been registered as a limited Company by guarantee, it can effectively issue debentures, which it is not at present in a position to do. In taking the present steps the Club is only doing what has been done by the other leading Clubs such as the Golf Club and Hongkong Club, when these institutions reached a size when it was impracticable to carry on as a privately owned Club.

It is proposed, following the lines of the Golf Club, to limit the guarantee per member to \$100. This guarantee will only be available in the event of the Club being wound up, when members would contribute equally up to the extent of \$100, in the event of the assets of the Club failing to cover its liabilities. Your Committee have gone carefully through the new Memorandum and Articles of Association. The articles call for little comment, and in the main incorporate all the material provisions in the old rules, though they, of course, include many provisions of a registered Company.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. M. Maas seconded, the resolutions set forth above, and they were carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in some further remarks, appealed to members of the

SPECIAL CABLES.

STRAITS TRAGEDY.

CHINESE SHOT IN MISTAKE.

TWO EUROPEAN PLANTERS ARRESTED.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, April 14. Two European planters named Allgrove and Nichol have been arrested in connection with a shooting affray on Pelah Valley Estate in Johore, in which two Chinese were killed, the Europeans considering them gang robbers.

NEW CABLE.

MADRASSINGAPORE.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, April 14. The cableship "Colonia" in-day landed the new direct Madras-Singapore cable.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

DISSATISFIED RATEPAYERS.

AN EVENTFUL MEETING.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 15. At an eventful meeting of ratepayers the Municipal Council was defeated on every vital issue, including the municipal salaries commission report, the proposed increase in rates, and the medical monopoly for the treatment of municipal employees.

Club to take up the debentures which were shortly to be issued. The response so far (he said) had been very poor indeed, less than ten per cent. of the members of the Club having signified their willingness to subscribe. Only 51 members, up-to-date, had sent in their names for 215 debentures, which was very unsatisfactory. Outside assistance had been premeditated contingent upon the members of the Club subscribing themselves to a fair proportion, but they could not expect others to help if they did not help themselves, and he sincerely hoped that members would make a special effort to take up at least double the number at present promised. After all, there were 330 members, and if each member would take up, say, one debenture there would be no difficulty in getting the balance subscribed for. The Club's finances were in a very sound position. There was a credit balance at the Bank, on current account, of about \$2,500, an \$6,000 on fixed deposit; and no liabilities. Entrance fees for the period September 1, 1920 to March 31, 1921, amounted to \$1,556, and subscriptions for the same period to \$2,720. The new Club would be started with some \$6,000 in hand, and when the paying off of debenture was begun there would be at least \$15,000 in hand, with every prospect of paying them off in 15 years. He hoped each member of the Club would subscribe for one or two.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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NATIONAL CRISIS.

"A MONGREL SCHEME."

He declared that a national pool would mean nationalisation to the point of meddling in every direction and not managing. That was a mongrel scheme which would be the worst form of nationalisation. He said that he had an uneasy feeling that the men at the head of the Mining Federation were not the people who were directing the issues but there were others below who were forcing their hands by blind clamour.

The Premier referred to a plan he had submitted to the House of Commons sometime since for reorganisation of the mining industry which was turned down without consideration. He concluded that the question of state control of the mines must be decided politically not by strikes.

LONDON, April 15.

The Ministry of Transport issues a warning to owners of horses and vehicles of all kinds to place them at the disposal of the local commissioners when required.

WHY?

LONDON, April 15.

The natural reluctance to give up hope is encouraged by the "obvious air of relief" on the faces of a deputation of members of Parliament after a dramatic midnight visit to the Premier with whom they remained closeted for 55 minutes after which they declined to divulge their conclusions but appeared to be very cheerful.

STRICKEN IRELAND.

LONG LIST OF CASUALTIES THIS YEAR.

THE LATEST MURDER.

LONDON, April 14.

Sir Arthur Vears, F.S.A., was shot dead this morning in his residence Kilmorra House, at Listowel, Ireland, which was subsequently totally destroyed by fire.

A BLACK RECORD.

In the House of Commons at question time, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Denis Henry stated that since January 1, 95 police had been killed and 172 wounded, and 45 military had been killed and 93 wounded in Ireland. The rebel casualties had been studiously concealed. Some 221 members of the Crown Forces in Ireland had been arrested for criminal offences since January 1, of which 165 were tried and 124 convicted. A number of persons were awaiting trial for murder. It was pointed out that the Crown Forces totalled 68,000.

WORLD'S OIL.

BRITAIN NOT ATTEMPTING A MONOPOLY.

LONDON, April 14.

Reuter learns that the Government will shortly make a declaration dealing with unfounded allegations made in the American Senate that Britain is endeavouring to monopolize the world's oil supply. The references against British policy in this connection are quite wrong. It is declared that Britain is not in the least interested in the Mexican Eagle Company as alleged. The Company is controlled by Dutch interests which are strictly applying the policy of other Dutch companies in Mexico.

YAP PROBLEM.

FRIENDLY DISCUSSION BETWEEN ALLIES AND AMERICA.

LONDON, April 14.

In the House of Commons, replying to Major Christopher Lowther, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government in consultation with the Allies was considering the American note with regard to Yap. Major Lowther suggested that the attitude of the United States that America was not bound by the Treaty of Versailles nullified the whole treaty. Replying to a further question the Premier emphasized that the subject was being discussed in a friendly way between the United States and the Allies. He strongly deprecated a discussion in Parliament which might lead to an Anglo-American misunderstanding.

NOT DEAD.

VON MUELLER LECTURING ON HIS WAR EXPERIENCES.

BERLIN, April 14.

Von Mueller, the famous ex-commander of the raiders "Emden," who was reported to have been shot in Upper Silesia, has not been killed. He is delivering lectures on his war experiences.

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Samsui, North China and Japan Iyo Maru 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 17.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, India, Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanabkodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 15th inst.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, India, Marquis, South Africa, India via Dhanabkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 4.)

A PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,550 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Extensions and alterations to No. 1 Motor House, Garden Road.

The Chairman: There was a balance at the end of last year of \$1,550. Owing to the building not being completed it was not paid out. This amount of \$1,550, is, therefore, in the nature of a re-vote.

VOTE FOR BATHING PLACES.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$5,300 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Bathing Places, North Point and Kennedy Town.

The Chairman: In the estimates for this year there is a sum of \$2,700 allowed for bathing beaches. A Committee was then appointed to go into the matter and they considered the question of providing further bathing beaches and facilities. The proposals involved a total expenditure of \$8,000. The present supplementary vote is asked for to cover the deficiency.

HARBOR OFFICE VOTE.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$800 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, personal emoluments.

The Chairman: In this year's estimates provision was made for another motor boat for the use of the Harbour Office, but by inadvertence the crew was not allowed for in the estimates.

The present amount is asked for the crew—one engineer, one coxswain and two seamen.

Approved.

NEW SCAVENGING LAUNCH BOILER.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,500 in aid of the vote Sanitary Department, Other Charges, Launches, Steam Barges and Lighters, Repairs.

The Chairman: This amount is required for a new boiler for the Sanitary Department scavenging launch, No. 1. The boiler has been found defective and as the launch becomes due for overhaul almost immediately, the Head of the Sanitary Board has asked for this amount to make one job of it.

KENNEDY TOWN HOSPITAL.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$600 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Installation of water closets and extension of sewer in Kennedy Town Hospital.

The Chairman: This is a re-vote of \$600, due to the fact that the Sanitary fittings did not arrive before the end of last year.

TYPEWRITER.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$401 on account of Education Department, Other Charges, Typewriters.

The Chairman: One typewriter was allowed for in the Estimate, but it has been found that one of the typewriters in the Director's Office has become absolutely useless and he has asked to be allowed to purchase one at once instead of waiting for it to be put in the Estimates for next year.

Approved.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

Mrs. Pollock desires to thank all who so kindly helped to make this Fund a success.

Lady Stubbs' Dance at Government House.....\$1,500

Lady Kirkpatrick Bridge tournament.....581

Sale of Work.....324

Per Miss Fairall.....50

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Mrs. Hazeland.....10

A. R. Lowe.....10

Mrs. Carrington.....15

Anon.....5

A. W.....5

Mrs. Marsh.....10

D. O. Russell.....25

A. H. Harris (Amoy).....50

Mrs. Maitland.....25

Mrs. Walkman.....5

Mrs. Jenkin.....5

Mrs. Miller.....5

Mrs. Sachse.....50

Miss Inness.....10

Mrs. Kemp.....10

Anon.....10

University.....100

Lady Chater.....10

Mrs. Beverington.....10

Anon.....10

G. G. Wood.....15

G. C. Moxon.....10

Anon.....10

F. B. L. Bowley.....10

Per W. Forsyth.....20

W. Davidson.....10

D. Wilson.....20

Capt. Purkin.....20

D. McMurray.....10

L. B. Edwards.....10

J. M. Ramsay.....10

A. Friend.....15

J. U. G.....25

R. M. Dyer.....100

W. Forsyth.....10

L. Freeman.....5

J. Robson.....10

J. Sneath.....5

W. Macfarlane.....5

D. Keith.....15

J. Gillespie.....5

W. Greig.....5

G. S. Vaughan.....5

M. C. Hall.....5

Robt. Hall.....5

Captain Kerr.....20

J. Hardy.....5

Captain Church.....5

A. Muir.....5

Total.....\$3,275

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rice planting in Law Ting district is being delayed by the continued drought that is prevailing over most parts of the district.

The meeting of ex-Service men now in civil life in Hongkong which was called for this afternoon by the General Officer Commanding has been unavoidably postponed.

There returned to the Colony by the "Kamakura Maru" yesterday, Inspector James Watt and Sub-Inspector Grant, of the Hongkong Police, who have been absent from the Colony on leave for the past nine months. With them was a recruit for the Force.

Shipping and Engineering understands that the names to be allotted to the new series of "K" boats which are now under construction for the China Navigation Company are as follows: "Kalgan," "Kiangsu," "Kiangchow," "Kwangchow," "Kwangtung" and "Kweiyang."

Two fatal cases of small pox, one of which was imported, were reported yesterday. Both cases were Chinese. One non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever, Chinese, another of cerebro spinal fever, Indian, and one of enteric fever, Danish (previously reported as paratyphoid fever) were also reported.

A general meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, April 21, at 4.30 p.m., in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, for the purpose of nominating a representative of the Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council in the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. Further particulars are given in an advertisement in another column.

Two more bodies recovered yesterday from the ruins of the two Old Bailey houses which collapsed on Wednesday morning, were identified as those of an amah of house No. 9, and the 7-year old granddaughter of Mr. Lee Ngok Lan, the owner of the house. The one body recovered immediately previous to these, was identified as that of a wash amah living at No. 50, D'Aguilar Street, who was on a visit to her sister, an amah employed by Mr. Lee, when the collapse occurred. The latter had a miraculous escape.

A successful whist drive was held at the Catholic Men's Club yesterday evening, there being 125 players present. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies:—(1) Mrs. Chaceley, 181; (2) Miss Pile, 170; (3) Mrs. Hunt, 169; Booby Prize: Mrs. Bacon, 129. Gentlemen:—(1) Mr. Lee, 184; (2) Mr. Rosseter, 182; (3) Mr. Fleming, 181; (4) Mr. Stevens, 170; Booby Prize: Mr. Towns, 135. Mr. Finches performed the duties of M.C., and the prizes were presented by Mr. R. W. Brown.

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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 16th April,

AT

THE MING YUEN GARDENS

at 9 p.m.

MAIN EVENT:

15 Round Contest for the Heavy Weight Championship of the Colony and the Hongkong Exchange Association Belt.

Pte. WILKINS, R.M.L.I.

A. B. EVANS, H.M.S. HAWKINS, (Challenger).

(Heavyweight champion of the China Squadron 1920.)

Also five six-round contests.

Booking at MOUTRIE'S on WEDNESDAY, April 13th, Members (on Production of Correct Membership cards) and on THURSDAY, 14th to SATURDAY 16th, General Public.

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MONDAY, April 18th at 9.15 p.m.

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TUES. 19. ... "MR. PIM PASSES BY"
WED. 20. ... "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE"
THURS. 21. ... "A BUTTERFLY ON THE WHEEL"
FRI. 22. ... "A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE"
SAT. 23. ... "THE SPECKLED BAND"

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ADMIRAL LINE.

NEW PASSENGER OFFICE.

Additional space has been acquired by the Admiral Line to handle passenger business and the officials are congratulating themselves on being able to open an office as centrally located as No. 2, Queen's Building. The premises were formerly occupied by Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte. Contractors are busily engaged both night and day remodelling the interior, installing a new entrance from the street and making other alterations and improvements that will have a tendency to make the office inviting. It is estimated that work will be finished about the 25th of this month.

The C. N. "Summing" left Shanghai on April 14 (via Amoy), and is due at Hongkong on April 18.
The C. N. "Tientsin" left Shanghai on April 11 (via Swatow), and is due at Hongkong on April 18.
The T.E.K. s.s. "Shinyo Maru" arrived at Manila on April 14 and sails on April 18 at noon, being due at Hongkong on Monday, April 18.

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